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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Noboru NODA et al.
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor device, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995) of method claims 9-16, as appropriate at the time.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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